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1. On or about 5 November 1953, the Czechoslovak Communist Party came forward with the demand that all army officers above the rank of captain be appointed only with the approval of the Party. The Army, especially the General Staff, strongly opposed this.

2. In the end the Party won. Vaclav Thor, formerly a General of Division, is said to have been relieved from his duties (sic) as a result of the conflict.<sup>1</sup>

1.   Comment: Vaclav Thor has been a Deputy Minister of National Defense since February 1952. No other report indicating that he was dismissed has been received. 25X1

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